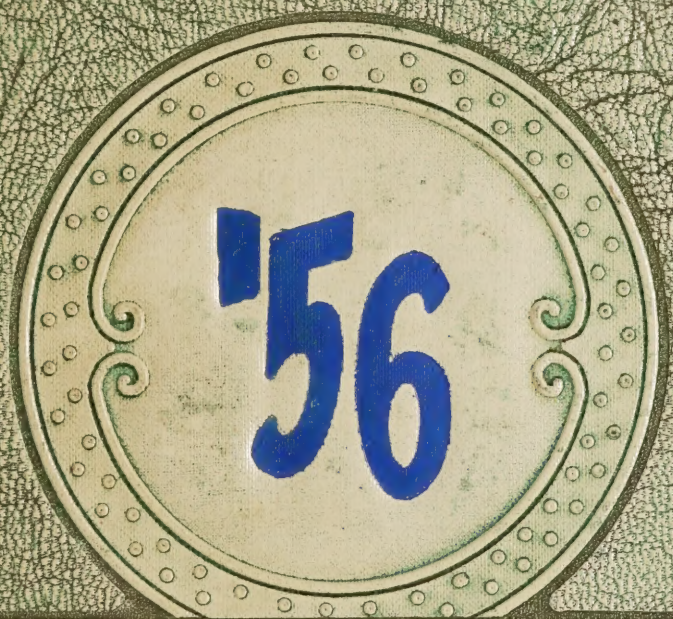




Academy Bell





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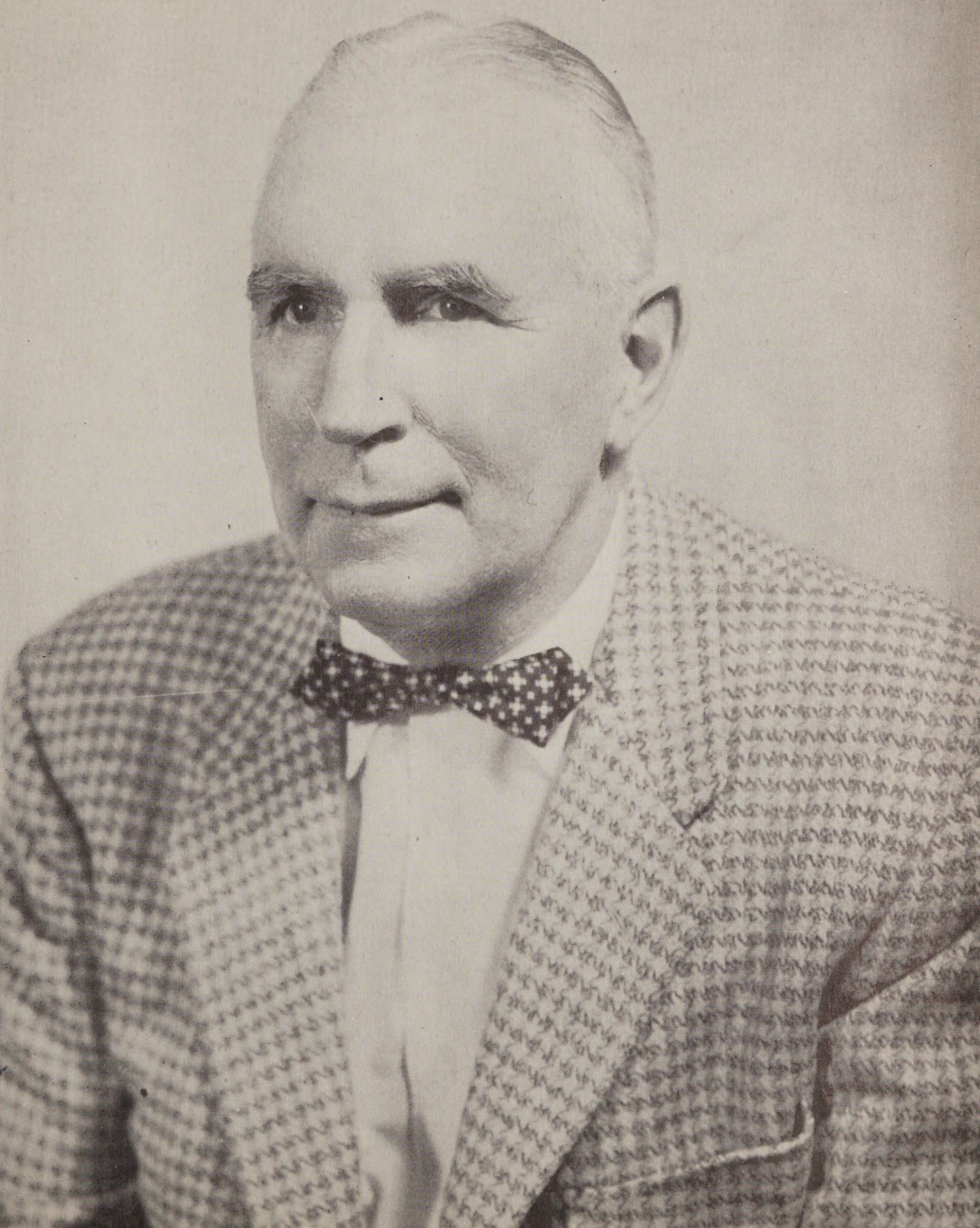
MONSON ACADEMY
MONSON, MASS.

THE HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

I believe one of the difficulties in this generation is the fact that there is now an abundance of many things which, a century ago, were so difficult to obtain. You and I are enjoying the fruits of other men's labors and sacrifices. Because we do not have to struggle, we tend to become soft - and at a time when our country needs toughness and resilience in its citizens. That toughness will come only as we confront our personal frontiers and conquer them. You have an opportunity to do something far above and beyond the tasks laid before the young people of earlier generations. If you are made of the right stuff, if you can learn to live with present uncertainty and continue to build your future in spite of that uncertainty, you will have plenty of opportunities.

There are plenty of frontiers waiting for kings to conquer them. I urge you to shoulder your axes and muskets and subdue and settle them in the good old American way. I am comforted by the conviction that the blood of our early pioneers still flows in the veins of you young people. I am convinced that you will carry on the purpose of those sturdy settlers, that you shall see the fulfillment of their dreams of security, of freedom, of opportunity, and of happiness.

Good luck, and God be with you.



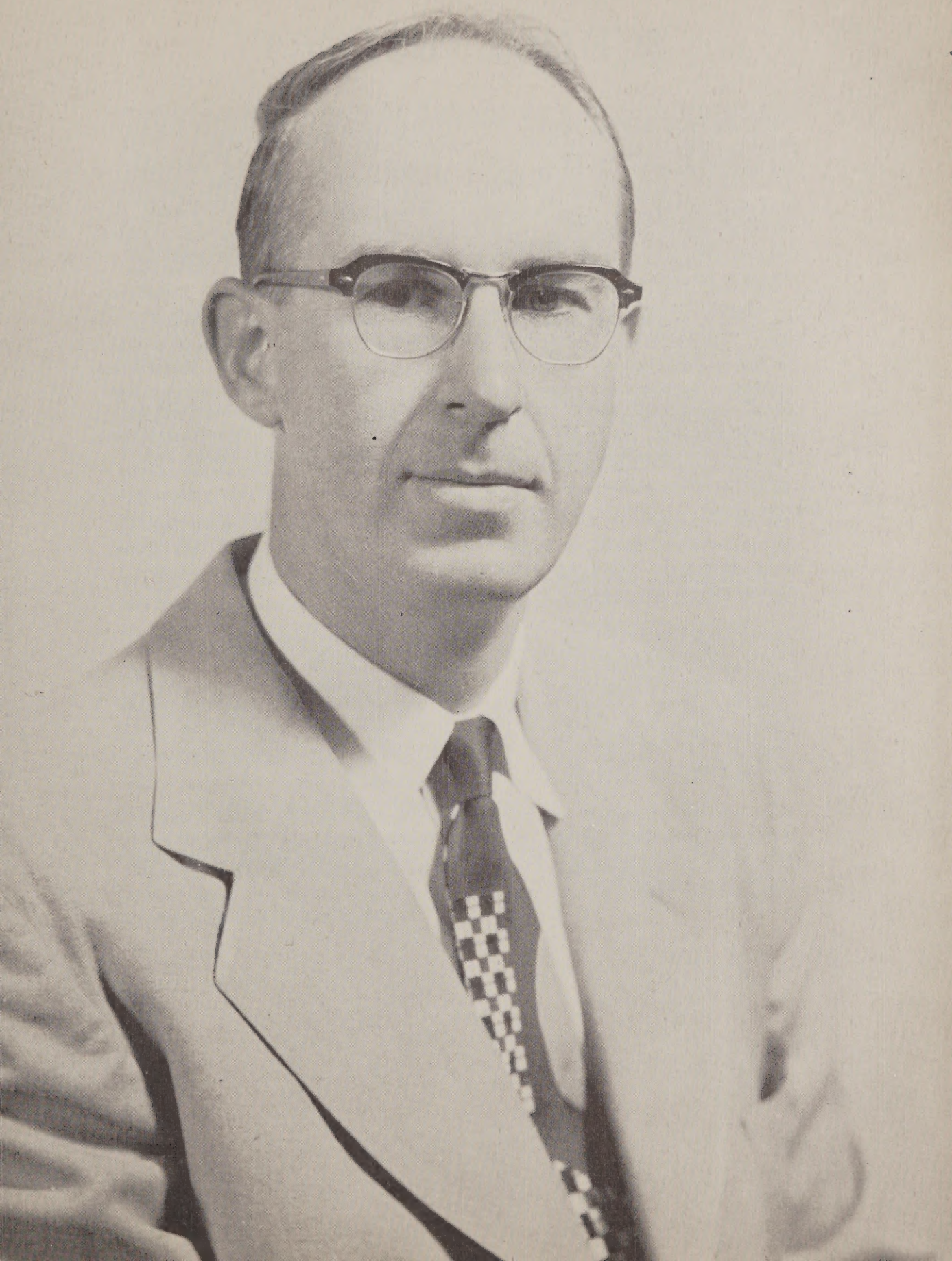
DEDICATION

We, the Class of 1956, wish to extend our thanks to you, Mr. Robinson, for the valuable guidance that you have so willingly given us over the years.

You have, through your patience and understanding, instilled in us a genuine respect and admiration. We look on you as a friend as well as a teacher.

You have our most sincere appreciation for all the assistance and encouragement that you have given us, and we offer our best wishes for health and happiness always.

With deepest gratitude we are proud to dedicate to you, Mr. George H. Robinson, the ACADEMY BELL of 1956.



SCHOOL HISTORY

Unlike most independent schools, Monson Academy does not owe its origin to a single founder. From the first it has been a co-operative effort. If we must point to a single great influence behind the school, we might go back to our first president of the Board of Trustees. It was Reverend John Willard, D.D., of Stafford, Connecticut, who joined with the local inn-keeper, Joel Norcross and the local parson, Jesse Ives, in rousing public interest to the point of getting a state charter for the founding of Monson Academy. Mention should be made also of the Reverend Alfred Ely, one of the first Trustees and an active member from 1806 to 1866.

Dr. Willard, who was graduated from Harvard as far back as 1751, was the brother of the more famous President of Harvard (1781-1804) and was able to interest many of the leading scholars of the day in his Monson project. Under an act of 1797 the Massachusetts legislature had undertaken to endow with lands in the province of Maine any preparatory school built by the industry of the local people, if that particular area needed such educational facilities. For the location of such a school in this part of Western Massachusetts the citizens of Monson and Brimfield competed, and after some debate Monson was chosen.

The Act of Incorporation of Monson Academy was passed by the Massachusetts House of Representatives on June 21, 1804, and half the township of Monson, Maine, was granted as an endowment. A fund of over four thousand dollars was collected among local citizens and the first Academy building was opened in 1806.

Though the school was and still is closely associated with the local Congregational Church, there has been no official religious affiliation with any group. All creeds and races are welcome. This fact, no doubt, had a great deal to do with the school's rapid rise to fame. The founding fathers had hoped for a school which attracts students from all over the state, in addition to functioning as a secondary school for the Monson area. In a very few years it had a national reputation; after its first quarter-century, students were coming from all over the world.

There is no space here to go into many details of Monson's history. We can, however, note a few landmarks. The first headmaster, Simeon Colton, who left after his first year, in 1807, returned in 1821 and stayed nine years. This was the period of Monson's beginning as a great school.

During the decade 1820-1831 the school graduated such famous men as Sophocles of Harvard, America's greatest classical scholar, who came all the way from Smyrna in Asia Minor; Dr. Henry L. Barnard, the first United States Commissioner of Education, regarded as second only to Horace Mann in the development of the American public school; Professor W.A. Larned, late professor at Yale and the Reverend Richard S. Storrs, D.D., of Brooklyn, New York, commonly and affectionately referred to in those days as "Prince of Preachers." A glance at the catalogues of the eighteenth-twenties will show students from England, Greece, Turkey, and many parts of North America. Men went out from the Academy to open up the west and carry the Gospel to the South Seas. The Reverend Cushing Eels and the Reverend Charles B. Sumner were instrumental in founding respectively, Whitman College in Washington and Pomona College in California.

The Golden age of the school was the half-century between 1835 and 1855. This was, indeed, the period of the greatest flowering of the New England academy, and many fine old schools that made history then are no longer in existence. Only a few of the private schools survived the rival growth of the public high schools. In the middle of the last century, however, Monson built up the prestige that was to carry it through the years right up to the present day, though no longer an academy for young ladies and gentlemen, but in its new role as a preparatory school for boys.

In 1835 Charles Hammond, of Union, Connecticut, entered Monson as a student. He was zealous and idealistic, one of his idols being Dr. Arnold of Rugby. In due course he was graduated and went to Yale, but in 1839 was back at Monson--as principal. He served as principal from 1839 to 1841, from 1845 to 1852, and again from 1863 to 1878--a total of twenty-four years. This great man educated more distinguished personages than many a college has turned out. He towered above his fellows in the educational field. All kinds of reforms were introduced in his day, and the old dictum of "spare the rod and spoil the child" was abandoned. Like Thomas Arnold he preferred to trust to his students' honor, and he once said he would do his best to "make of Monson a smaller Rugby." During his administration the enrollment of the school was frequently above three hundred drawn from all parts of the world.

Over a hundred years ago, in 1847, the first Chinese students ever to come to the United States enrolled at Monson Academy. Nearly a generation later the first Japanese students came, and until the end of the century there was always a fair sprinkling of Orientals amongst the student body.

The Physical plant of the school, in the meantime, increased with the student body. In 1819 the first dormitory was built for the boarding students, near the present site of Cushman Hall. In 1824 the first laboratory was erected and expensively equipped with apparatus "specially imported from England." The site of this old laboratory, one of the first in the country, is now occupied by the Holmes Gymnasium. In 1845, at a cost of four thousand dollars, Dr. Hammond had the entire school renovated and modernized and spent a further thousand to re-equip the English department. As in the case of the original building, this large sum was raised by the townsfolk.

During this golden age of the academy, many great men were graduated from Monson. The class of 1850 was particularly brilliant. In that year Jacob Strong left to enter Williams College, and eventually he became associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. The brilliant young Chinese Wong Afun left Monson to enter Edinburg University and to become eventually one of his country's greatest doctors. Another young Chinese, Yung Wing, was graduated, only to return to America some years later as Commissioner of the Chinese Educational Commission and as Chinese Minister to the United States. Only two years later, in 1852 Henry Billings Brown, another future United States Supreme Court Justice, was graduated. Judge Reuben Chapman, a Trustee from 1828 to 1873, and Judge Marcus Knowlton, a Trustee from 1874 to 1918, both later became Chief Justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Court. The Reverend James Tufts was one of the outstanding principals of the Academy, his administration covering the period from 1852 to 1859. His son, James Hayden Tufts, who attended the Academy in his early teens, later became Vice President, and for one year Acting President, of the University of Chicago.

The Civil War caused a temporary closing of the Academy in 1862, but it re-opened the following year after two additional wings had been added to the old building.

This brief survey would not be complete without a few words about the missionary endeavors of Monson graduates. The Reverend James L. Merrick, one of the first America missionaries to Persia, was graduated in 1826, and he later established an endowment fund entitled the Persian Fund. Gilbert Rockwood, class of 1834, went to the South Seas, and William Benton, class of 1840 died while preaching the Gospel to the Zulus in South Africa. It was the work of such men as these that helped to attract students to Monson from so many parts of the world.

The rise of free secondary education in the latter part of the last century did a great deal to decrease the need for the private school. Some establishments, including Monson Academy, served the purpose of the local high school in many rural communities. Until regular high schools were built, these private schools accepted local students, whose tuition was paid by the town. This somewhat altered the character of the older academies, but in many cases it was the means of survival.

A disastrous fire in 1886 completely destroyed the old Academy Building, but later in the same year a more substantial granite and brick building was erected. The Holmes Gymnasium was built in 1900 by Miss Esther R. Holmes in memory of her father, Cyrus W. Holmes, Jr., and Cushman Hall in 1904 by Thaddeus L. Cushman in memory of his nephew, Frank Chapin Cushman. An older dormitory, Hammond Hall, was at the same time torn down to make room for the present headmaster's residence, Hammond Place. Cushman Memorial Field was given in 1911 by Edward C. Cushman and Rufus P. Cushman as a memorial to Grace Sedgwick Cushman and Frank Chapin Cushman.

After the First World War the town of Monson finally decided to build a separate high school. This action meant that virtually all of the Academy day students would transfer to the new institution. Consequently, the school was again temporarily closed in 1923, while arrangements were made to revert to the old status of a century before. During the next two years the Trustees granted the use of the Academy buildings to the town for use as a high school. In 1926 Monson Academy was reopened as a purely college preparatory school for boys. The new headmaster, Mr. Bertram A. Strophmeir, announced in the 1926 catalogue that the school would be "developed on an American adaptation of the English house plan." "By this arrangement the boys live in small groups in separate houses under the immediate care of one or more masters." In keeping with this plan an additional dormitory, Morris House, was deeded to the Academy by Miss Esther R. Holmes in 1927, and yet another house, the Homestead, in 1937, through the generosity of Miss Hattie F. Cushman.

No historical sketch of Monson Academy would be quite complete without a tribute to Thaddeus L. Cushman, who was a member of the Board of Trustees for thirty-eight years, Treasurer for thirty-six years, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Monson Academy Alumni Association for forty years. His deeds of unselfishness and benevolence afforded him great pleasure and satisfaction, besides providing necessities and comforts to others less fortunate than he.

Mr. Strhmeier was succeeded in 1935 by Mr. George E. Rogers, under whose administration the size of the student body has greatly increased. Plans are now under consideration for the centralization of the school plant in the not-too-distant future.

In 1938 the Holmes Gymnasium was enlarged. In the same year the disastrous hurricane struck Monson with full force. The beautiful elms that lined Main street and surrounded the Academy buildings were uprooted by the force of the gale.

In the immediate postwar years, the Academy, sensing its obligation, admitted many returning veterans in order that they might continue their interrupted educations.

In 1947 the Academy acquired two additional buildings. Through the generosity of the family of Mrs. Rufus P. Cushman, Chapin house was added to the Academy and now

serves as a dormitory. In addition, the home of Miss Adelaide Wingate, now called Holmbrook, was acquired. Holmbrook is the location of the dining hall and student and faculty lounges. It also serves as a dormitory. In 1948, the Academy acquired the Cushman Memorial Field.

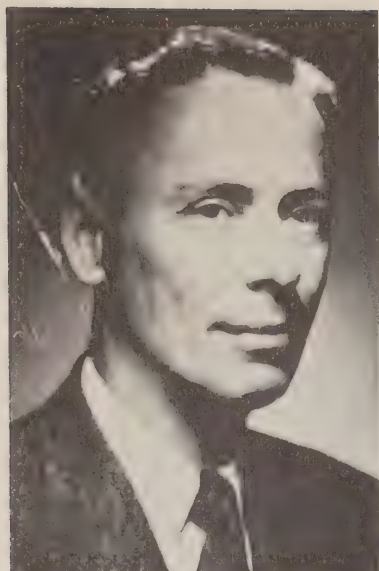
On February 23, 1953 a disastrous fire swept the Academy Hall. Despite this tragedy the Academy continued to function for the remainder of the year. Both faculty and students demonstrated hardihood in carrying on in view of extremely difficult conditions. Plans were immediately set afoot to rebuild the Academy Hall. It was decided that the new location would be at the top of the hill on High Street, with the view in mind of centralizing the location of the campus. The new modern Academy building, called Alumni Hall, was completed and ready for occupancy by September, 1954. Through the ceaseless efforts of alumni, staff, and friends of the Academy the new building became a reality.

The new Academy Hall was officially dedicated upon the occasion of the school's sesquicentennial celebration, October 9, 1954. At this time leaders in the educational field gathered at Monson to celebrate the dual occasion and to take cognizance of the role of the private school in America. Upon this occasion the principal speaker was Doctor Charles W. Cole, President, Amherst College. Sharing the speaking honors with Doctor Cole was the Honorable Thomas C. Clark, Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court.

Adversity and misfortune have been challenged and overcome. A new Academy Hall has emerged from the ashes. Whatever distinction Monson Academy may achieve in the future will be due in a large degree to the completely selfless efforts of the Headmaster, Mr. George E. Rogers.

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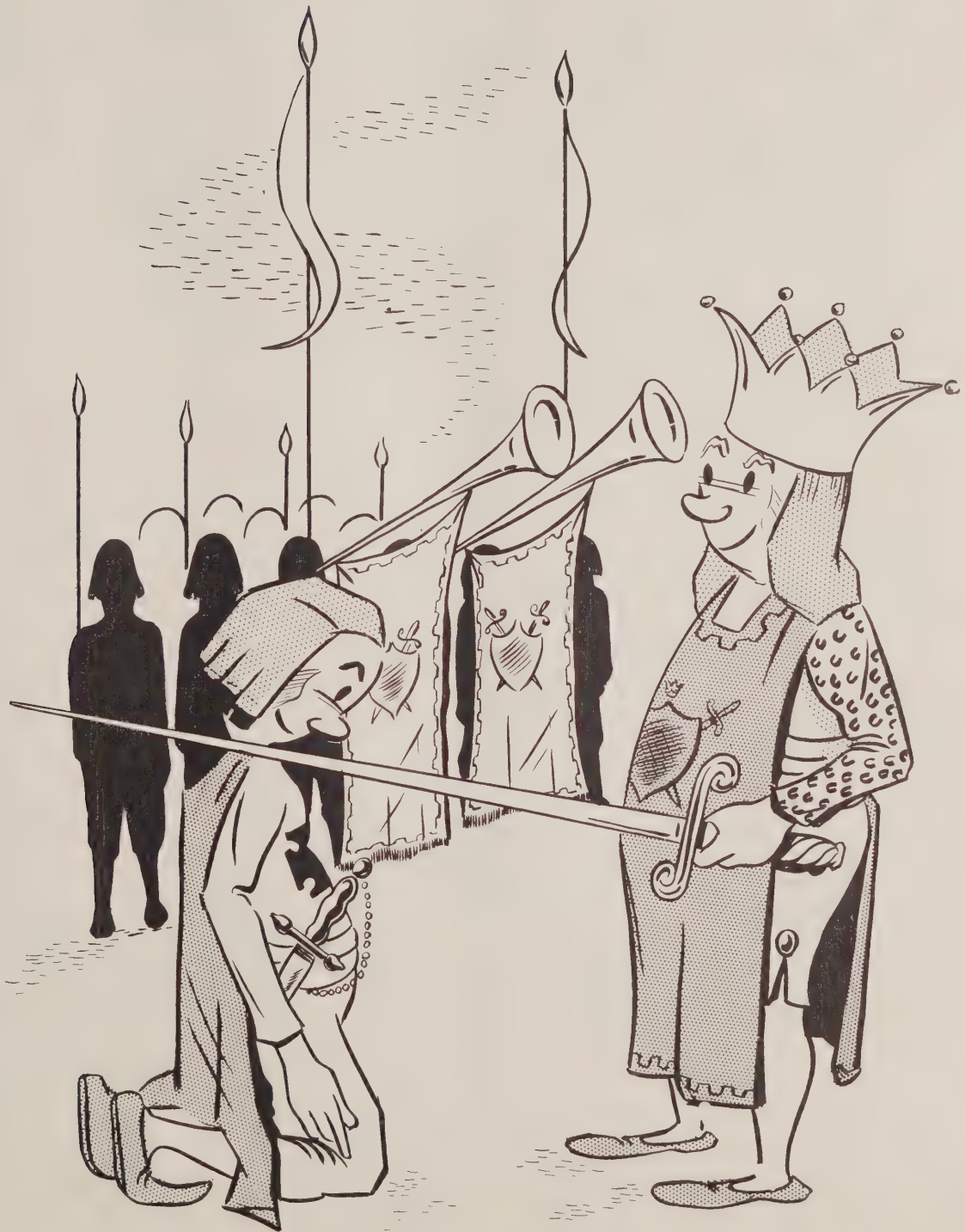


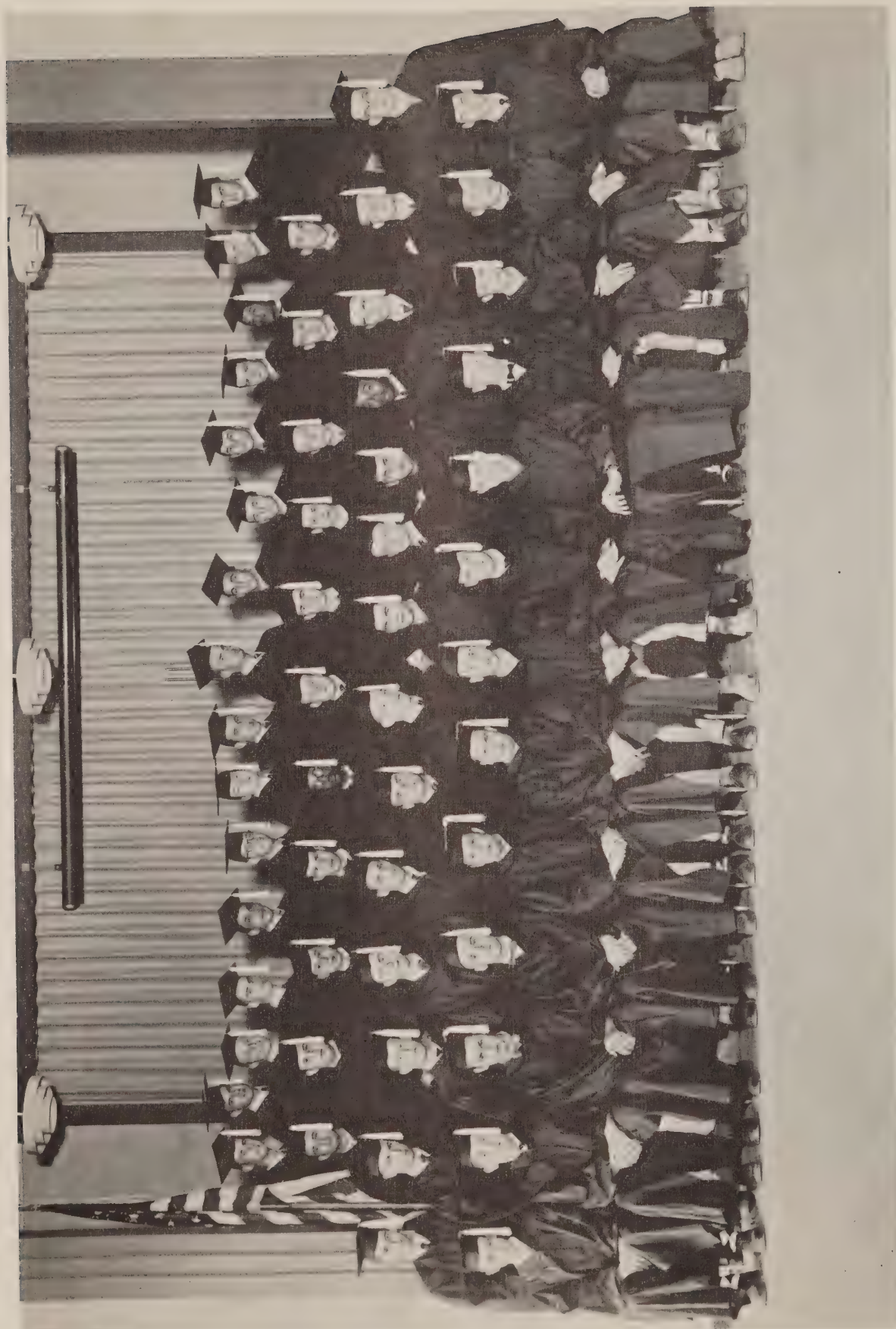
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Social Studies

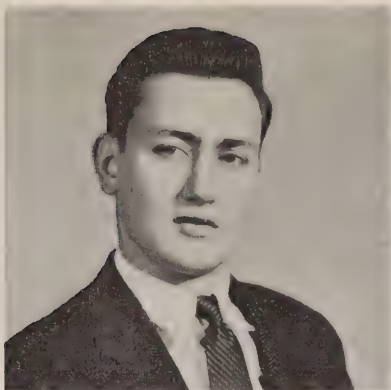




Seniors







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Belchertown, Mass.

Amherst

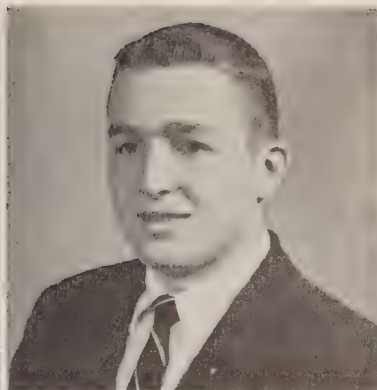


FLOYD W. ANDERSON

Washington D.C.

Tufts

Football; JV Basketball;
Dramatics; Baseball; Year-
book.



ROBERT J. ANSTY
"Antz"

Springfield, Mass.

Providence College

Football; Basketball; Base-
ball; Glee Club.

WILLIAM H. BALCH
"Bill"

Manchester, Conn.

Norwich U.

Football; Bowling; Base-
ball.

NATHAN BARKER
"Nate"

Schenectady, N.Y.

Springfield College

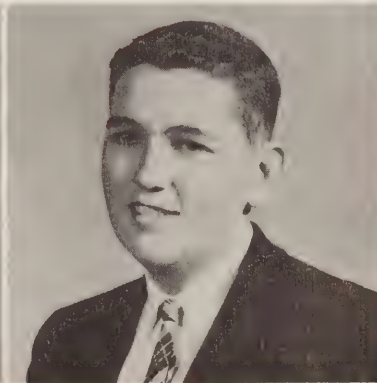
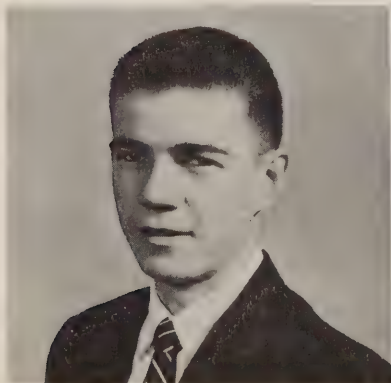
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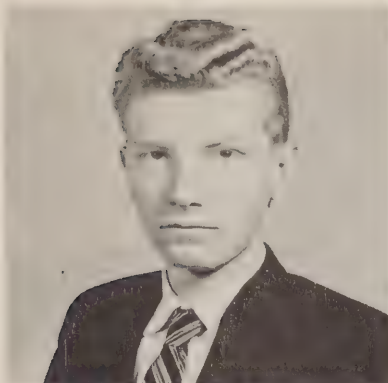
DAVID D. BOLAND

Manchester, Conn.

A.I.C.

Basketball; Yearbook; Golf
Team.





RICHARD A. BRAY
"Red"

Newington, Conn.

Trinity

Soccer; Glee Club; Dramatics; Bowling; Rifle.



WALTER F. BROWN
"Brownie"

Amherst, Mass.

U. of Mass.

Soccer; Rifle.



ROBERT S. BUTLER
"Bob"

Simsbury, Conn.

Trinity

Soccer; Basketball, Manager; Yearbook; Glee Club.

FRANCIS J. CAMMISA
"Frank"

White Plains, New York

Norwich U.

Football; Baseball.

EDWIN F. COLLINS, III
"Dago"

Longmeadow, Mass.

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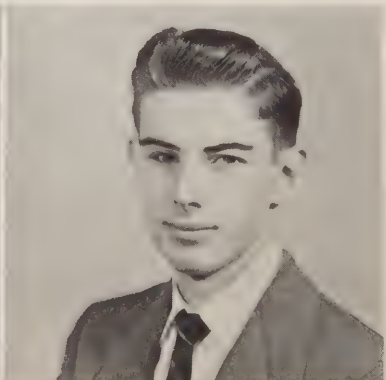
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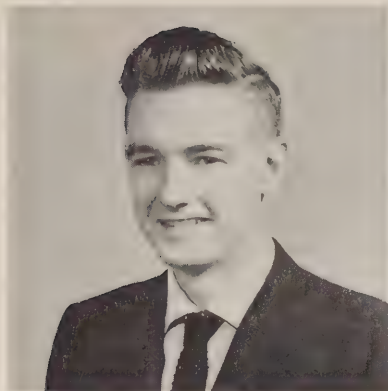
ROBERT C. CROWELL
"Bob"

Providence, R.I.

Brown

Soccer; Bowling; Track.





ROBERT CUNNINGHAM
"Bob"

Avon, Conn.

Holy Cross

Rifle; Tennis; Bowling.



RICHARD M. DALEY
"Dick"

Medford, Mass.

W.P.I.

Football; Baseball; News-
paper; Yearbook.



PHILLIP M. DEMETRI

Waterbury, Conn.

R.P.I.

Newspaper; Yearbook.

WALTER R. DRIGGS
"Walt"

Collinsville, Conn.

New Britian Teachers

Soccer; Rifle; Ski Club.

MURAY A. FRIEDMAN

Cranston, R.I.

Brandeis U.

Football; Rifle; Track;
Newspaper; Glee Club.

MICHAEL GALITELLO
"Mike"

Torrington, Conn.

Aurora College

Weightlifting; Dramatics.



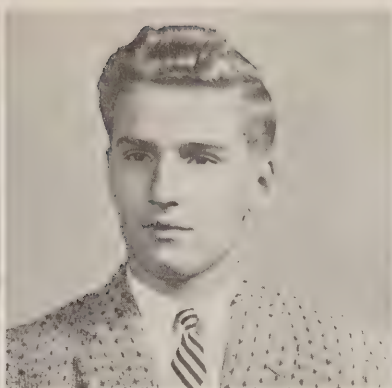


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Chicopee, Mass.

Boston College

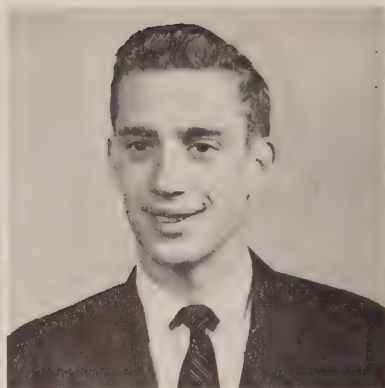
Basketball, Manager;
Yearbook; Tennis.



JOHN J. GARVAN
"Garv"

Bondsville, Mass.

U. of Mass.



STEPHEN GOLLER
"Steve"

Forest Hills, N. Y.

Lehigh U.

Soccer; Track; Yearbook;
Newspaper.

RICHARD G. GRANT
"Oil Well"

Northhampton, Mass.

Colby College

Soccer; Rifle; Yearbook.

QUENTIN P. HAGEDORN
"Quint"

Manchester, Conn.

W. P. I.

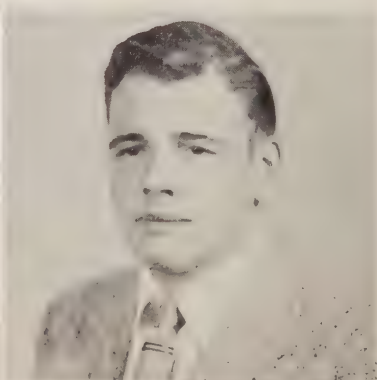
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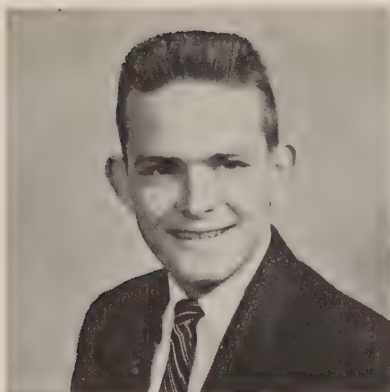
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"Bull"

Belchertown, Mass.

Stockbridge

Wrestling; Track.





JOHN A. HEDLUND
"Jack"

Manchester, Conn.

Trinity

Soccer, Captain; Baseball; Basketball; Yearbook.



CHARLES HINES, III
"Charlie"

Saylesville, R.I.

Boston College

Soccer; Rifle; Golf; Newspaper; Yearbook.



JOHN M. HOPKINS
"Hoppy"

Palmer, Mass.

St. Anselms

Golf.

ROBERT G. JOHNSON

Manchester, Conn.

Trinity

Football; Basketball; Baseball.

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"Kel"

Holyoke, Mass.

New England Institute

Football; Track; Rifle.

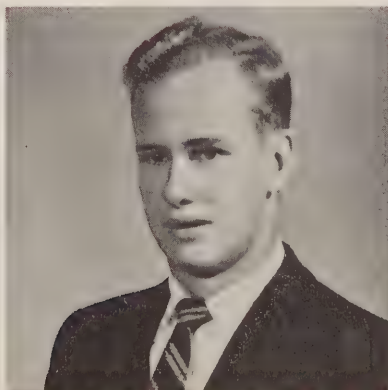
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"Kitt"

Longmeadow, Mass.

Boston U.

Yearbook; Newspaper; Soccer; Baseball; JV Basketball.

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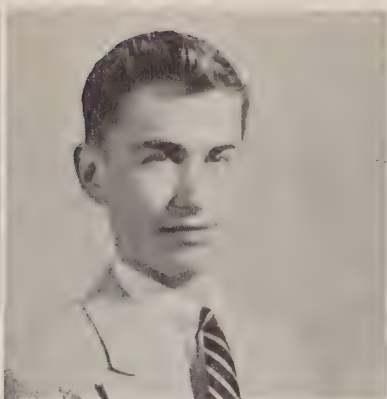


PETER G. KOKINIS
"Pete"

Hartford, Conn.

Trinity

Football; Dramatics; Glee
Club; Baseball.



CLIFFORD LA VIGNE, JR.
"Kip"

Worcester, Mass.

R. I. T.

Basketball; Soccer; Skiing;
Golf.



GEORGE F. LETTER

Monson, Mass.

JOHN H. LEVEN
"Johnny"

Longmeadow, Mass.

Bowdoin College

Football; Basketball; Base-
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CHARLES LIPSHITZ
"Chuck"

Holyoke, Mass.

W. P. I.

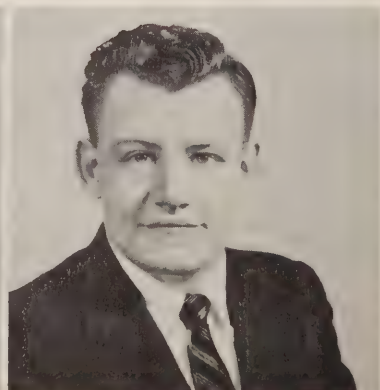
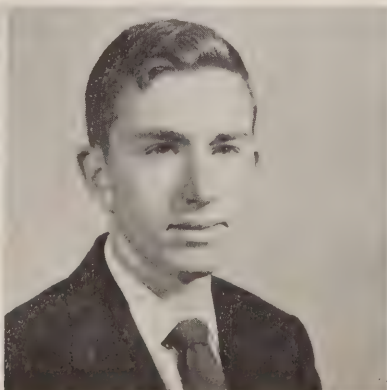
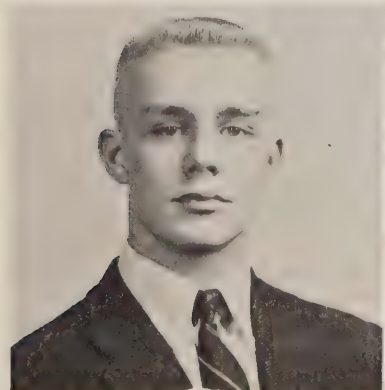
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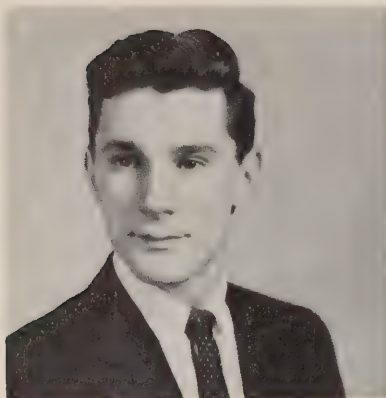
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"Mac"

Fairfield, Conn.

Salem College

JV Football; Bowling.



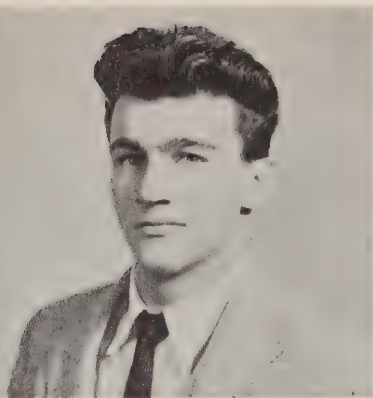


CRAIG E. McEWAN

Agawam, Mass.

U of M

Basketball; Baseball; Dramatics.



DONALD MONTANO
"Nick"

Thompsonville, Conn.

R.I. School of Design

JV Basketball; Yearbook.



JAMES H. MOYNIHAN
"Jim"

Holyoke, Mass.

Holyoke Jr. College.

ROBERT E. MULLEN
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A.I.C.

Basketball.

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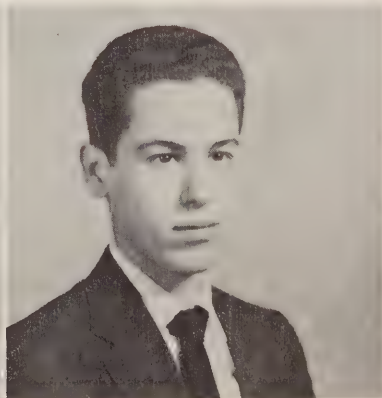
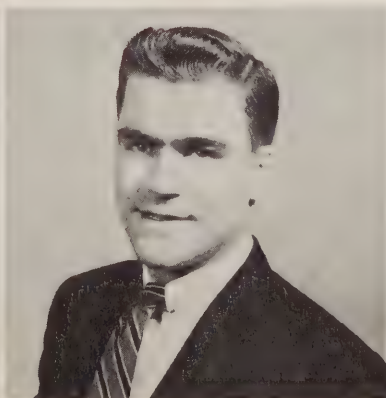
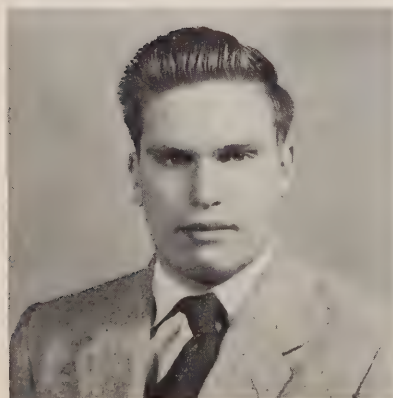
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HENRY J. PRIORE
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Windsor, Conn.

U.S. Marine Academy

JV Football.



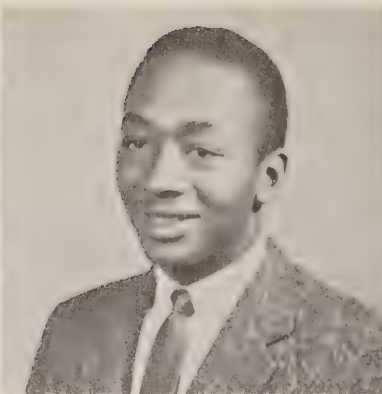


MICHAEL J. REDDING
"Mike"

Holyoke, Mass.

Kenyon College

Football; Baseball.



JAMES A. RIGSBY
"Jim"

Houston, Texas

Fisk U.

Football; Soccer; Baseball;
Track; Basketball; Bowling;
Yearbook; Glee Club.



CARLOS R. RIOS

Hato Rey, Puerto Rico

Holy Cross

Soccer; Basketball; Base-
ball; Newspaper.

MARTIN C. SEGEL
"Marty"

Worcester, Mass.

Boston U.

Athletic Equipment Manager;
Tennis; Bowling, Captain.

MICHAEL SOKOLOV
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Stafford Springs, Conn.

U. of Conn.

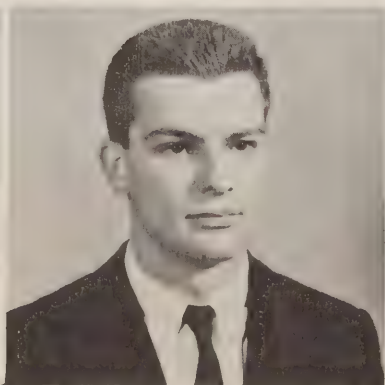
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ball.

EDWARD G. STILES
"Eddie"

Manchester, Conn.

Trinity

Soccer; Newspaper; JV
Basketball; Golf; Yearbook.





JOHN F. STYSPECK
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Thorndike, Mass.

A. I. C.

JV Basketball.

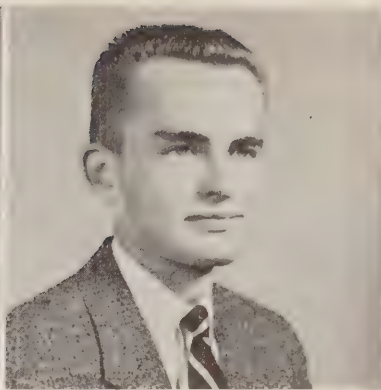


EDWARD A. SUNDBURG, JR.
"Ted"

Longmeadow, Mass.

Yale

Yearbook; Newspaper; Dance
Committee; Tennis; Golf;
Rifle.



CLIFFORD L. SYMINGTON
"Cliff"

East Hartford, Conn.

U. of Vermont

Soccer; Track; Rifle.

STEPHEN J. SZABAN, JR.

Thorndike, Mass.

A. I. C.

Basketball; Golf.

JOHN C. TARBELL

Springfield, Mass.

Tufts

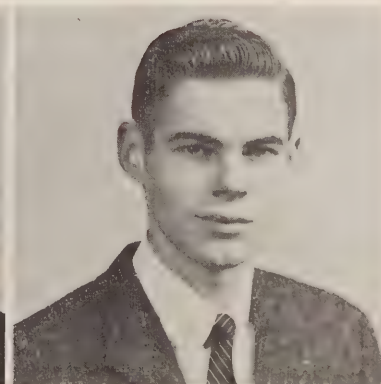
Newspaper; Yearbook; Golf;
Football; Rifle; Basketball;
Baseball; Glee Club; Dance
Committee.

PAUL B. THOMAS
"Tommy"

Weymouth, Mass.

U. of Vermont

Football, Manager.





PAUL J. VAILLANCOURT
"Val"

Northampton, Mass.

U. of Mass.

Football; Newspaper; Golf.

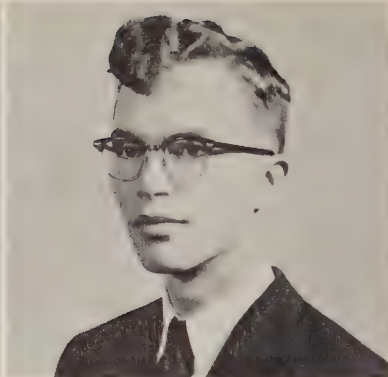


WARREN H. WEBBER
"Pancho"

West Hartford, Conn.

U. of S. Cal.

Soccer; Baseball; Rifle;
Newspaper; JV Baseball;
Glee Club; Yearbook;
Dance Committee.



GERALD E. WHITE
"Jerry"

Monson, Mass.

U. of Mass.

Soccer; Glee Club; Bowling.

WENDELL F. WHITE
"Weinnie"

Atlanta, Georgia

Ohio State

Football; Glee Club; Base-
ball; Bowling.

A. RONALD WHITE

West Springfield, Mass.

W.P.I.

JV Soccer; Bowling.



CLASS WILL

We, the graduating class of 1956, hereby put forth our last Will and Testament. Being of sound mind and body, we declare any and all previously made wills null and void. May this statement be remembered and acknowledged until eternity.

Having paid in full all class dues and debts, we bequeath the following possessions.

Ed Collins leaves his appetite to Rusty Breisette.
Bob Cunningham leaves his quietness to Ronnie Devine.
Bob Mullen leaves his hook shot to Selwitz.
Jim Rigsby leaves his neatness to Paul Dooley.
Weinnie White leaves his conceit to Zimmerman.
Bob Ansty leaves his cool haircut to Burnett.
Nate Barker leaves his constant complaining to Mega.
Red Bray leaves his gun to the guture boys who pull guard duty.
Bob Crowell leaves his math ability to John LaFond.
George Letter leaves his green suit to Bob Cook.
Phil Demetri leaves his sideburns to Calvert Ellis.
Walter Driggs leaves his engineer boots to Kessler.
Charlie Hines leaves his knee to anyone who is man enough to use it.
Jim Moynihan leaves his briefcase to Bob Scott.
Carlos Rios leaves Joe.
Cliff Symington leaves his motorcycle to Howie Schneider.
Warren Webber leaves his one and only pack to Andy Lachowetz.
John Kelly leaves his blood to "Strike it Rich."
Mike Redding leaves his school spirit to Neelans.
John Styspeck leaves his driving ability to Eddie Stein.
Ronnie White just plain leaves.
Eddie Stiles leaves with his taxi service from Monson to Manchester.
Ken Thompson leaves his French for Mr. Benton to puzzle over.
Frank Camissa leaves his car in the parking lot.
Murray Friedman leaves the J.V. Football team.
Craig McEwan leaves his girls to a man.
Hank Priore leaves his girls to Bixby.
Rod MacKenzie leaves Astrid to the Homestead boys.
John Garvan leaves his good looks to Paul Dooley.
Pete Allen leaves his basketball ability to Carvey.
Martin Segel leaves nothing.
Jerry White leaves his fortitude to Bob Scott.
Paul Vaillincourt leaves mail at the Post Office.
John Tarbell leaves his voice to Mr. Whyte.
Don Montano leaves his drawings to the Monson Museum.
George Kittredge finally leaves his roommate.
Bob Johnson leaves his window closed and nailed.
Ted Sundburg leaves his brains to Marty Swilling.
Pete Kokinis leaves for Greece.

Jack Hedlund leaves his weekends to Romeo Lewis.
Dick Grant leaves Kip's toothbrush to Ted Gross.
Wally Brown leaves his B-29 to Bready.
Jim O'Keefe leaves his looks to Charlie Levine.
Bob Butler leaves his glass in Mr. Whyte's room.
Floyd Anderson leaves his vests to Swilling.
Dick Daley leaves Coast Guard Applications to all future cadets.
John Hopkins leaves his car to Pete Schneider.
Pete Hanifin leaves his "nodoze" to Joey Furgal.
Charlie Lipshitz leaves his brains to Sternbane.
Mike Galitello leaves his weight lifting set to Art Bastien.
Bob Garstka leaves Kilbassa to Fontaine.
Steve Szaban leaves Joey Furgal to walk at noon.
Bill Balch leaves with his tall tales.
Dave Boland leaves his ranking ability to Phil Combs.

PROPHECY

Let us look ahead in to the year 1966 when we see Mr. and Mrs. Rogers arriving in New York for a long weekend. As they descend from the train in Grand Central, they hail the porter from the Rock Island Train who is Jim Rigsby. Walking through the station, Mr. Rogers buys a copy of the Daily Worker from John Styspeck. The editor is Jim O'Keefe. Glancing through it, he notices that Dorothy Dix's column is now written by Craig McEwan. Mrs. Rogers insists on reading her favorite cartoon, "The Man Who Got Away" by Don Montano. Mr. Rogers flags a cab driven by Bill Balch and instructs him to drive to the Waldorf. While on the way to the hotel, the cab is stopped by a motorcycle cop, Mike Redding, for knocking down George Kittredge who was hitch-hiking to Marlboro. But the day is saved by Charlie Hines, ex street-cleaner, recently elected mayor of New York, as he rides by in his new sports car designed by Muray Friedman.

At the Waldorf, the Rogers are met by the manager and new owner, John Kelley. As they enter the hotel, they see Bob Garstka passing by on stilts with a sign, "Eat at Joe's." Also they see a street-corner Santa Claus who turns out to be Ken Thompson.

At the same hotel, the Super Duper Salesmen Association is holding a luncheon to which the Rogers are invited. At the luncheon the Rogers notice several Monson Alumni. Some of the more prominent are "Red" Bray, head salesman for "Tint-Hair," Walter Brown, a used B-29 salesman; Bob Johnson, who sells left handed monkey wrenches; Cliff Symington, salesman for reverse gears on motorcycles; and Wendell White, dark-glasses salesman.

During the program there were two guest speakers, Bob Crowell, famous scientist, whose talk is on his theory of what goes up must come down, and Charles Lipshitz, famous scientist who talks on why he thinks Crowell's theory is false.

In the afternoon, the Rogers embark on a tour of the city. Their first stop is at Veteran's travel agency run by James Moynihan. He suggests a tour of Greenwich Village with John Hopkins as able guide. They decline the offer with thanks for the suggestion. From the agency they proceed on foot to do some shopping. On the way, they see Driggs and Cunningham ski by hand in hand. Mr. Rogers decides to work out at Stillmans' Gym. Before departing they decide to meet at the U.N. Building.

Arriving at Stillman's Gym, Mr. Rogers is quite surprised to see Nate Barker busily teaching calisthenics to Frank Cammisa, world famous for his modernized

Pizza Parlor (with large anchovies), and also Ed Collins who has just returned to the big city after cutting down singlehanded three hundred acres of pine timber in the Yukon. On the other side of the gym, Mike Gallitello is working out in preparation for breaking the world's lightweight lifting record. Mr. Rogers is surprised to see Boland changing the gym's basketball nets and to learn he also has the job at Madison Square Garden. Steve Szaban is on the court working out with The Manhattan Midget Basketball Team. Mr. Rogers, tired from the morning's activities, decides to take a steambath at Priorie's Turkish Bath where he sees Bob Mullen in one of the baths. After the bath, he stops off at Pete Hanifin's Automat for a refreshing glass of milk. On his way to Columbia University, before meeting Mrs. Rogers, he stops to chalk up a few at Vaillancourt's Pool Parlor where he happens to hear on the radio the famous Bob Ansty and Ed Stiles, "Bob and Ed Show." Arriving at Columbia, he stops to see John Leven, who is teaching plane geometry in the huge city. After a pleasant visit with John, he leaves only to see the police arrest Warren Webber for illegal soap box orating.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Rogers has just finished shopping at Brooks Brothers, where Peter Allen is modeling midget clothing, and Pete Kokinis is selling ties of his own special design. As she continues her walk down 5th Avenue, she sees Paul Thomas testing mattresses for comfort at Ronnie White's Beauty Rest Slumber House. (Also it has been reported that Ronnie successfully sold the Brooklyn Bridge to Jerry White.) Glancing out into the street, she spots John Garvan driving a U-Haul Your Own truck carrying equipment which will be used in the St. Patricks Day parade, which will be led by Roderick MacKenzie. At the U.N. building they meet Carlos Rios, an interpreter, who shows them into his private office. During a pleasant chat they are interrupted by Floyd Anderson, just named the best dressed window washer at the U.N. Looking out of the newly washed window, they proudly note one of Daley's fleet of garbage scows going by on the East River. Terminating their pleasant visit, the Rogers go out of the building tired from their many activities and anxious to get back to the hotel. Outside of the building they spot Mike Sokolov feeding chickens on the plaza.

Retiring to their hotel room, the Rogers turn on their television set just in time to see Bob Butler move the Steinway Grand off the stage at the end of the program. He is humming "Alfin son tua" as he does it. The next program is "Strike It Rich," where the first contestants are John Tarbell and Ed Sunburg who disappoint the nation by missing the last question, "What is the famous private school in Monson, Mass.?" They answered incorrectly, Wilbraham. In disappointment the Rogers now turn to the Yankee Baseball game where Jack

Hedlund, pitcher for the Yankees, has established a record for pitching the most gopher balls in one season. They happen to notice Marty Segal selling Kosher Pickles to the disinterested crowd. Soon a commercial on Buicks is delivered by Phil Demetri. With the game over, the Rogers, content with their trip, retire. They are confident that the class of '56 will continue to make its mark on the world.

The Class of '56 immortalized in print:

Richard A. Bray
 Bob Butler
 Eddie Stiles
 James A. Riggsby
 George Kittredge
 Nate Barber
 Ed. Sundberg
 Wendell J. White
 Ronnie White
 Carlos R. Ross
 Dave Boyd
 Mike Sokolov
 William Bafek
 Bob Cunningham
 Walter Dwyer
 Robert Harstka
 Quin Collins III
 Cliff Symington
 Warren H. Webb

Frank Brown
 Dick Grant

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Paul Thomas

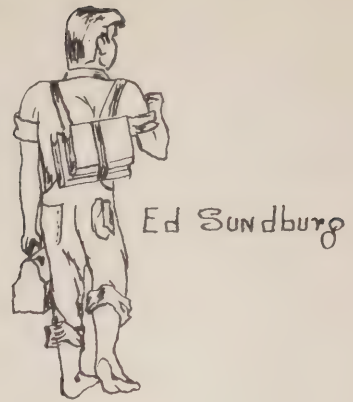
Mike Redding
 John Quaver

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 Pete Juhinis
 Fred W. Anderson
 Michael Galitello
 Richard Daley
 Don Montano
 Bob Corwell
 Lang McEwan
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 Frank J. Cammisio
 Murray A. Friedman
 John LaBell
 Bob Ansty
 Jim O'Rourke
 Phillie
 Robert L. Johnson
 Phil Demetri

Best Looking



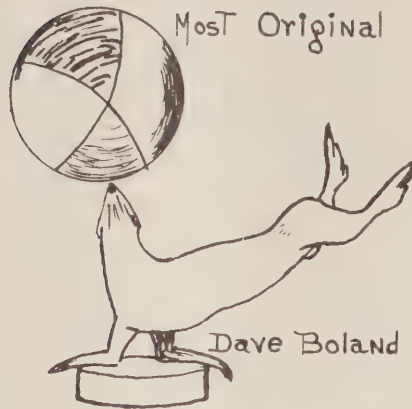
Neatest



Most Popular



Most Original



Most Likely To Succeed



Campus Comedian



School Tarzan



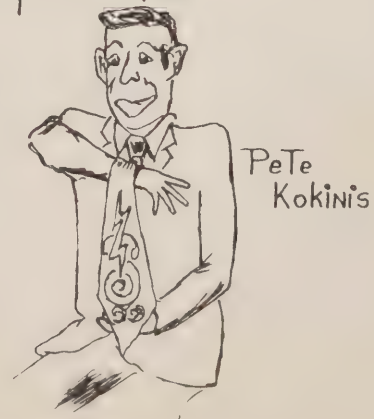
Best Athlete



Academy Loverboy



Sharpest Ties



Most Talkative



Warren Webber

Mr. House and Bounds



Hank Priore

Favorite Pastime



Sleeping

Biggest Line

Warren Webber

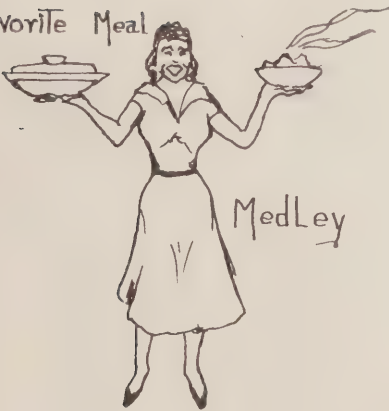


Laziest



Pete Hanifin

Favorite Meal



Medley

Always Glad To Help You



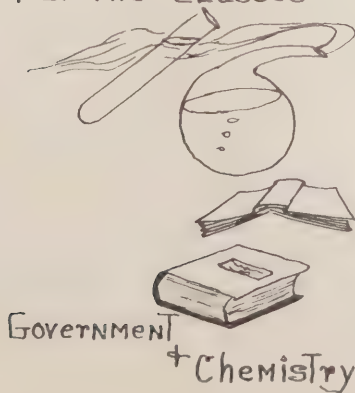
Mac Mackenzie
&
Ed Sundburg

Favorite Reading Matter



Pocket Novels

Favorite Classes



GOVERNMENT
& Chemistry

Just a Good Joe

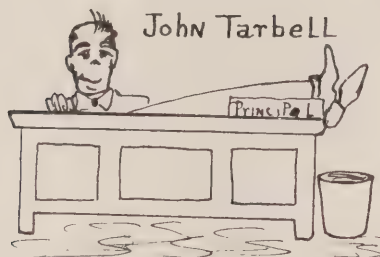


Mac Mackenzie

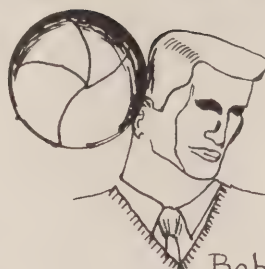
Would Make a Good Headmaster

Best all Around

STUDENT



John Tarbell



Bob Johnson



Ideal Academy Student



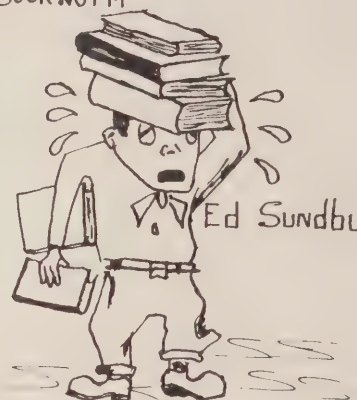
John Tarbell

Wittiest



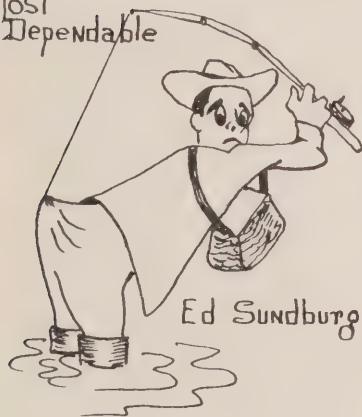
Dave Boland

Mr. Bookworm



Ed Sundburg

Most Dependable



Ed Sundburg

Best Dressed



Bob Butler

Handsome



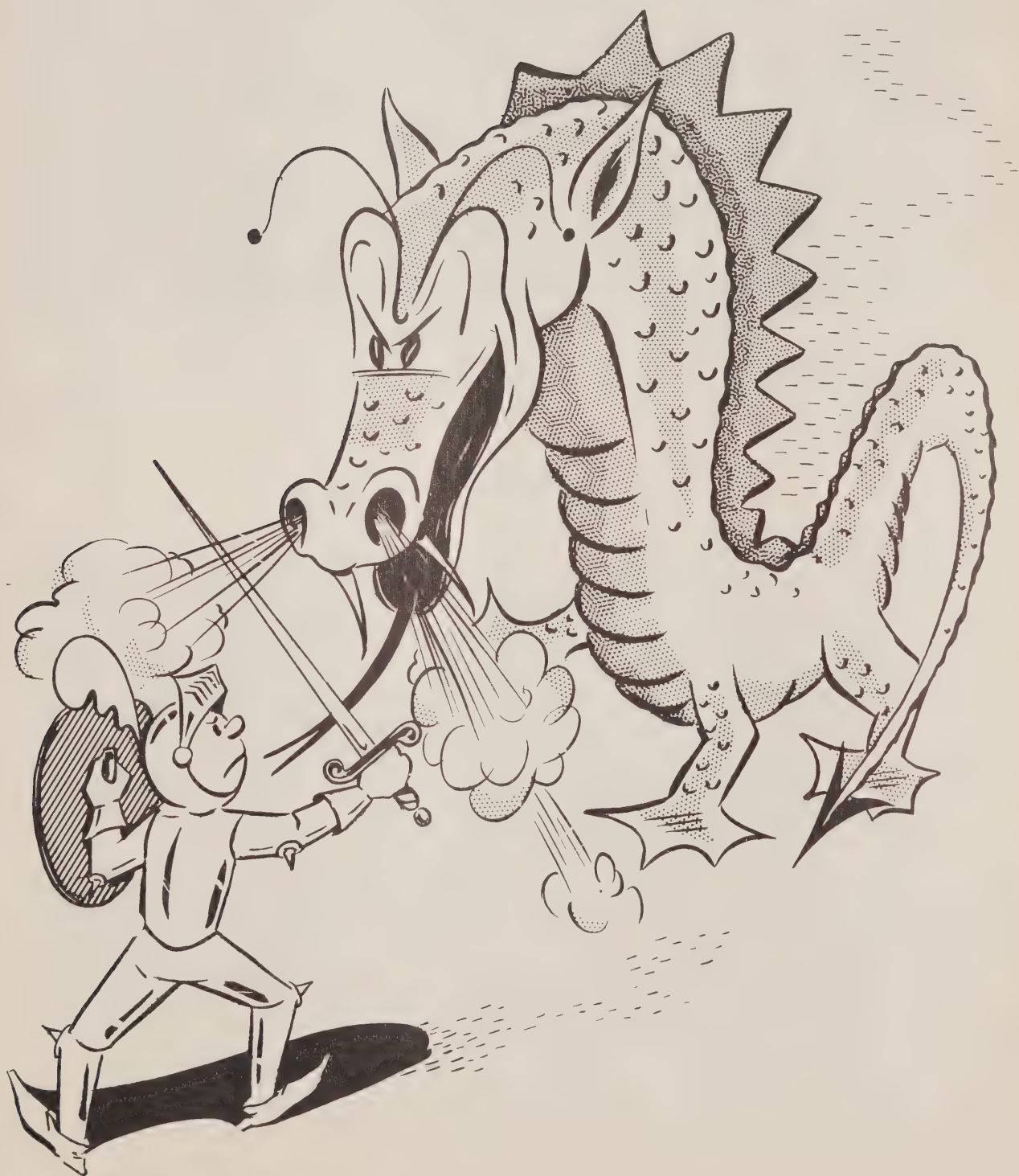
Jimmy O'Keefe

Mr. Hard To Get Along With

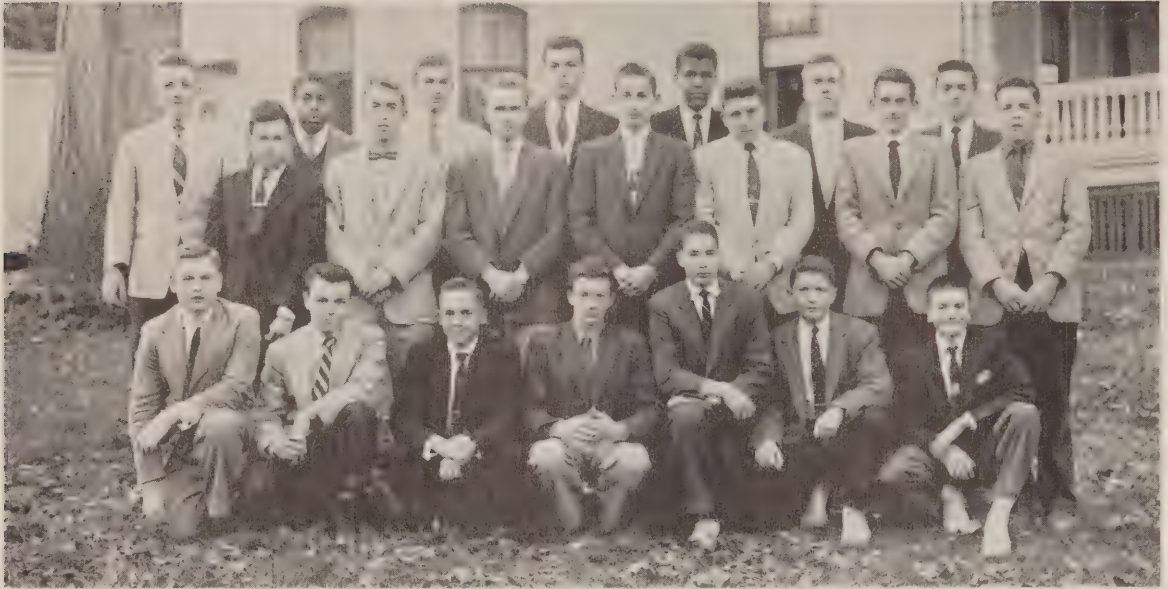


Marty Segel

Undergraduates



SOPHOMORE CLASS



Front row, from left to right: R. Kenyon, P. Bixby, A. Wood, D. Bradway, P. Snider, R. Mattson, D. Carvey. Second row: R. Cohen, J. Ratcliffe, P. Combs, B. Banford, J. Mastrianni, J. Lininger, P. Dooley. Third row: N. Picciotti, R. Williams, E. Sweeney, H. Schneider, A. Phillips, S. Montague, R. Adams.

JUNIOR CLASS



Front row, from left to right: R. Radding, R. Fontaine, M. Swilling, I. Zimmerman, W. Martell, B. Haley, W. Mega, A. Bastien. Second row: R. Selwitz, C. Abbate, G. Merrer, P. Coe, E. Gross, A. Lachowetz, W. O'Brien. Third row: M. Sternbane, E. Stein, M. Cerel, D. Stewart, A. Neelans, R. Cook, T. Clason.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

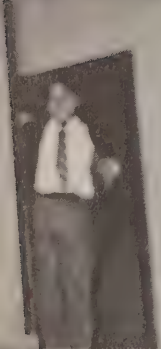
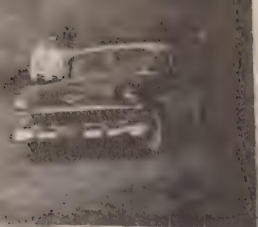


First row, left to right: C. Ellis, E. Rathbone, R. Anton, R. Lafond, R. Bresette, J. Cross, D. Gunther, L. Cloutier. Second row: W. Bieasdale, F. Rathbone, J. Bush, S. Phillips, S. Windholz, T. Creswell, R. Lewis, B. Sykes, T. Whillock. Third row: E. Burnett, J. Wadhams, S. Mushenko, J. Long, W. Leab, A. Farr.

FRESHMAN CLASS



First row, left to right: J. Cantwell, D. Stenson, W. Moore, W. Kessler, T. Koloiorat, L. Santucci, J. Mailman, J. Keith. Second row: L. Smith, S. Wessolech, D. Braskie, D. Gould, G. Enowitch, D. Rosenland, J. Blair, R. Patnaude, R. Sawyer. Third row: G. Todd, R. McConchie, W. Clarke, W. Creswell, J. Rios, R. Haley, P. Smart, D. Ratcliffe, R. Scott, R. Knight.



Activities



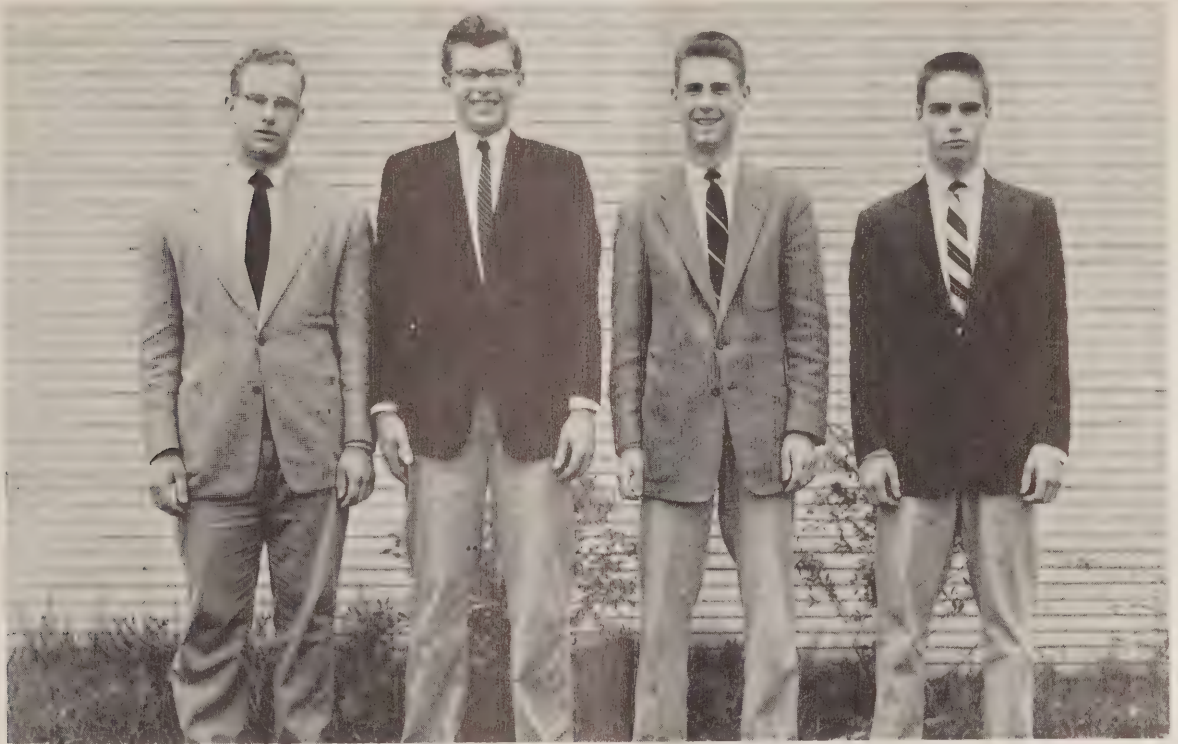
YEARBOOK STAFF



First row, from left to right: A. Bastien, W. Martell, J. Tarbell, J. Hedlund, R. LaFond. Second row: R. Mattson, E. Sundburg, E. Stiles, N. Barker, C. Hines. Third row: J. O'Keefe, R. Butler, D. Boland, G. Kittredge.

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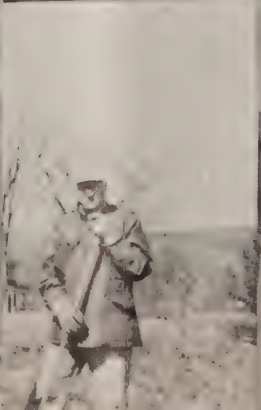


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First row, left to right: P. Vaillancourt, J. Tarbell, E. Sundburg, J. O'Keff, C. Lipshitz, J. Hedlund.



Athletics



VARSITY FOOTBALL



Front row, from left to right: J. O'Keefe, D. Lynch, M. Sokolov, M. Redding, P. Kokinis, B. Cook, J. Cowilich, P. Vaillancourt, J. Kelly, P. Hanifin. Second row: J. Leven, F. Anderson, J. Rigsby, B. O'Brien, G. Merrer, B. Balch, D. Daley, S. Montague, P. Coe. Third row: W. White, B. Ansty, B. Johnson, E. Collins, B. Williams, G. Mastriani, A. Lachowetz. Fourth row: A. Neelans, Mr. Robinson, T. Gross.

The past football season for Monson Academy was certainly not the most outstanding one from the victory standpoint. However, our team had a great deal of spirit and determination. Day after day our boys would faithfully turn out for practice under our fine coaches, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Harrell. The teams that we faced were for the most part larger in size and number than our own. In spite of this handicap, our spirited team, lead by our co-captains, Pete Kokinis and Bob Cook, met these odds and fought back gamely. Although our team had many disappointing experiences, we learned how to take losses without losing hope. Our managers, Al Neelans and Ted Gross, were faithful to their duties and deserve a great deal of credit for being so helpful to the team.

VARSITY SOCCER



Kneeling, left to right: Quentin Hagerdorn, Nathan Barker, Dick Farrington, Jack Hedlund, Eddie Stiles, Charlie Hines, Joe Furgal, Warren Webber. Back row: Coach John R. Roan, Dave Stewart, Walter Brown, Dick Bray, Steve Goller, George Kittredge, Bob Crowell, Cliff Symington, and Manager Charlie Levine.

The Monson Academy Varsity Soccer Team didn't have a particularly favorable season in 1955. Although the season was not a good one, it certainly can't be said that it was unsuccessful. Under the able hand of Coach John R. Roan the squad gained many valuable pointers which enabled them to understand and enjoy the game more thoroughly. A great deal of credit is due to Captain Jack Hedlund and Manager Charlie Levine. Both helped to make the season a very profitable one.

J. V. SOCCER



Front row, left to right: D. Roselund, I. Zimmerman, R. Devine, D. Bradway, R. White, J. Mailman, P. Dooley. Second row: P. Bixby, R. Adams, P. Schneider, R. Sawyer, P. Smart, R. Scott, D. Carvey. Third row: R. Selewitz, M. Sternbane, D. Braskie, E. Sweeny, B. Radding, A. Bastien, B. McConchie, Mr. Morrow.

SOCCER 3



Front row, left to right: D. Stinson, B. Sykes, L. Cloutier, T. Kolowrat, J. Enowitch, R. Patnaude, R. Lewis. Second row: A. Farr, J. Long, S. Mushenko, L. Santucci, R. Cohen. Third row: S. Windholz, J. Bush, C. Ellis, K. Roselund, Mr. Henderson.

VARSITY BASKETBALL



Standing, from left to right: Coach, Mr. Harrell, J. Hedlund, C. Rios, J. O'Keefe, J. Leven, C. McKewan, P. Kokinis, B. Johnson, J. Furgal, E. Collins, B. Mullen, S. Szaban, D. Boland.

Although during the 1955-56 season they won no great honors, the Varsity Basketball Team worked well together and showed good sportsmanship. A great deal of credit is due to Hugh Harrell, coach, and Steve Szaban, captain of the squad. The experience and helpful pointers that the team gained and the development of good sportsmanship went to make the season a successful one.



J. V. BASKETBALL



Front row, left to right: Nate Barker, Floyd Anderson, Don Carvey, Charlie Levine, Mike Sokolov, Quentin Hagerdorn, Warren Webber, Jose Rios, Don Montano, Charlie Lipshitz. Back row: Manager Bob Garthka, Roger Adams, John Cowilitch, John Styspeck, Andy Lachowetz, Jim Rigsby, Bob Banford, Eddie Stiles, and Coach George E. Robinson, Jr.

The Monson Academy J.V. Basketball team had one of the finest records of any team this year, winning twelve games and losing only two. They combined undecided skill with a great amount of teamwork to establish this fine record. Due to the fine coaching and hard work of Coach George E. Robinson, the team was able to meet their opponents on a more than equal footing. Captain Mike Sokolov inspired the team in every game and with his fine leadership all season, the team was a success.

BASKETBALL 3



Front row, left to right: D. Roselund, W. Leab, L. Cloutier, J. Keith, B. Sykes, G. Todd, R. LaFond, C. Ellis, J. Cantwell, D. Bradway. Second row: Mr. LaFlamme, E. Burnett, R. Lewis, D. Gunther, J. Bush, A. Farr, J. Long, D. Braskie, N. Picciotti, P. Schneider, B. McConchie, T. Whitlock.

WINTER SPORTS



Left to right: W. Driggs, R. Haley, P. Smart, S. Wesson, D.B. Wesson, T. Cresswell, W. Kessler, T. Kolowrat, K. Roselund, R. Lewis, Mr. Henderson.

VARSITY RIFLE SQUAD



Front row, left to right: S. Montague, S. Phillips, P. Bixby. Second row: R. Grant, C. Hines, E. Sundburg, Mr. Morrow, E. Stein, W. Driggs.



BOWLING TEAM



First row, left to right: D. Ratcliffe, W. Mega, G. Enowitch, T. Whitlock, R. Selwitz, L. Smith, B. Wessoleck, R. Cohen. Second row: R. Kenyon, M. Sternbane, P. Combs, R. Ratcliffe, W. White, B. Radding, R. Devine, W. Bleasdeal. Third row: R. Scott, D. Sawyer, I. Zimmerman, R. Williams, R. MacKenzie, J. Mastrianni, E. Stein, J. Lininger, R. White, P. Dooley. Fourth row: Mr. Pitts, R. Fontaine, B. Clarke, H. Snider, J. White, A. Neelans, W. Driggs, S. Montague, M. Swilling, M. Segel, T. Gross, D. Bray, R. Crowell, W. Balch, Mr. Martellucci, Mr. Holland.

VARSIITY BASEBALL



From left to right: C. McEwan, P. Kokinis, D. Carvey, J. Hedlund, S. Schneider, R. Ansty. Second row: R. MacKenzie, Manager; K. Thompson, J. Furgal, M. Redding, J. O'Keefe, G. Merrer.

J. V. BASEBALL



Front row, left to right: J. Rios, B. Radding, C. Levine, M. Swilling, F. Anderson, J. Kelley, W. White. Second row: Mr. Roan, P. Coe, D. Daley, B. Balch, B. Williams, S. Schneider. Third row: J. Enowitch, J. Rigby, D. Stewart, D. Bradway.

THIRD TEAM BASEBALL



Front row, left to right: P. Smart, J. Cantwell, B. Sykes, R. Lewis, T. Cresswell. Second row: T. Whitlock, J. Mailman, A. Farr, B. Wessoleck, B. McConchie.

TRACK



First row, left to right: A. Neelans, H. Priore, N. Barker, J. Syme, B. Crowell.
Second row: P. Bixby, M. Friedman, C. Levine, D. Sawyer, A. Bastien, J. Keith.
Third row: B. Banford, D. Montano, Manager R. Garthka, J. Rigsby, B. Johnson, F. Anderson, Coach John A. Pitts.

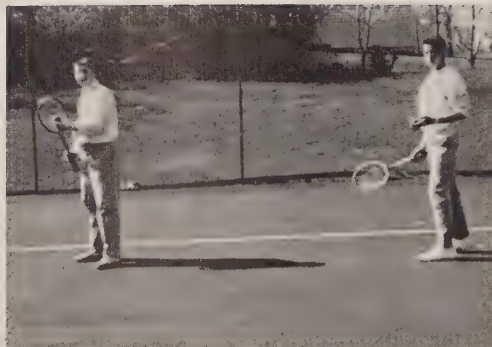
Led by the inspiring and enthusiastic coaching of Mr. Pitts, the Monson Academy varsity track team competed in three meets this season. Robert Crowell set a new school record for the mile, eclipsing the former record by four seconds. Although the team's record was mediocre, they benefited from the experience they gained.



TENNIS



From left to right: G. Todd, R. Cunningham, I. Zimmerman, M. Segel, W. Jurczyk.



GOLF TEAM



From left to right: Coach George H. Robinson, J. Hopkins, F. Cammisa, E. Sundburg, M. Cerel, R. Cook, J. Tarbell, P. Vaillancourt, C. Hines.





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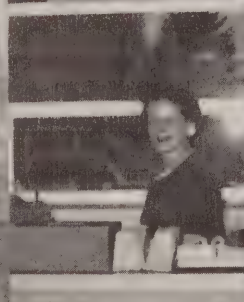
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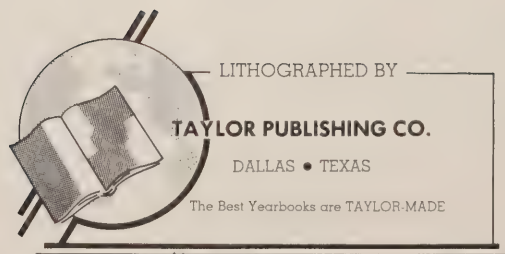
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